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Jean Jewell

From: brian5433@msn.com
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:23 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Brian Kidd follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-10-01 & AVU-G-10-01
Name: Brian Kidd
Address: 3446 Lilac Ct # A
City: Post Falls
State: ID
Zip: 83854
Daytime Telephone: 2087046509
Contact E-Mail: brian5433@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

This rate increase comes during trying times for all of Idaho's citizens. Our energy bill is already far too high. The founder of Post Falls built a damn that still provides the majority of power for this area. Unfortunately the damn was sold to a greedy corporation that seeks to take from those who are already financially distraught. The cost of maintaining this infrastructure is nowhere near the outlandish rates being charged by Avista, whom only seeks to line their own pockets with this enormous increase. I pray this council will deny this request. Please allow the citizens of the great state of Idaho to continue to be able to afford the basic necessities of life. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

From: repau@conceptcable.com
Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2010 6:24 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ross Paulus follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01
Name: Ross Paulus
Address: 610E Ockert St S.
City: Oldtown
State: Idaho
Zip: 83822
Daytime Telephone: 208-437-4093
Contact E-Mail: repau@conceptcable.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

In regard to Avista request for 14.5% rate increase, I am against the increase. Recently Avista posted the salary for their managers that show a definite salary increase. Avista already has a structure for capital investments to upgrade aging equipment that they should not need to be requesting additional money. Any capital investments should already be figured in before the declaring their fixed profit allowed by the Public Utility Commission.

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 10:40 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01/AVU-G-10-01*
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

And Avista has the nerve to ask for a rate increase? You must be kidding me. When so many people have lost their job, homes are in foreclosure and we are taxed to death every time we turn around, they have the nerve to ask for a rate increase, then give the execs. a HUGE raise and HUGE benefit increase! Talk about biting the hand that feeds you and not giving a d#\$mn about the community. Morris, of Avista, has a total package of over \$3 million, a \$400,000+ raise since last year. Mark Thies, made \$314,998 this year, up from \$72,692. Not bad, a raise of \$242,306 for a year! PLUS, his benefit package went from \$33,716 to \$194,009 - a raise of \$160,293 - all of which WE get to pay for, no wonder they need a rate increase. Karen Feltes, her incentive pay rose more than \$45,000 to \$147,816. I really like this statement - "The bulk of executives' pay does not come out of customer rates, Wuerst said, but from shareholder dollars." - GUESS WHAT, SHAREHOLDERS DOLLARS COME FROM CUSTOMERS PAYMENTS!! YOU GUYS SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES!!!

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 12:55 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01*
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company:
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I'm commenting on the notice I got with my Avista bill this month, about them requesting a rate increase. I don't think Avista should get the rate increase! I already pay over a hundred dollars a month to Avista and we are on there comfort billing and now they want more money?!? Maybe they should look into there company and learn to cut the fat and save us money. The Economy is so bad right now with people losing there jobs and having wages cut. My household included on this, it's hardly affordable now to us. I can't imagine having to pay them more. Thank you

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Jean Jewell

From: caroljomorgan@roadrunner.com
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 4:17 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carol J. Morgan follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01*
Name: Carol J. Morgan
Address: 3246 7th Street
City: Coeur d'Alene
State: ID
Zip: 83815
Daytime Telephone: 208 964-2535
Contact E-Mail: caroljomorgan@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Today the Coeur d'Alene Press reported salary and benefit increases for Avista Executives. Last week the paper reported that Avista will be asking for additional rate increases. These continued requests are totally un-American and I protest them.

Coeur d'Alene Press- April 1, 2010

Avista execs see salary increase

By ALECIA WARREN/Staff writer | 3 comments

COEUR d'ALENE - Avista Corp.'s top executives' salaries remained fairly steady in 2009, while they saw raises in some incentive pay and pension, according to the company's annual proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday.

Scott Morris, chief executive officer, also president and chairman of the board, had a base salary of \$630,001 in 2009, up from \$626,308 in 2008.

His non-equity incentive compensation - based on job performance - rose \$177,429 to \$582,026.

His change in pension and deferred compensation earnings also rose \$132,230 in 2009, up to \$691,983.

Morris' total compensation for the year was more than \$3 million, up from \$2.6 million.

But company spokeswoman Jessie Wuerst said all executives' 2009 total comp packages include the value of performance-based stock awards that were not earned.

'SEC requires us to report the value of those stock awards,' Wuerst said. 'They're there and counted as total comp, but it didn't go home with them.'

Mark Thies, senior vice president and chief financial officer, earned \$314,998, up from \$72,692 in 2008.

His salary and other compensations rose dramatically because he had assumed the position in mid-2008 and only worked a partial year, Wuerst said.

Thies' incentive compensation also rose to \$194,009, from \$33,716.

His total compensation was \$831,234, up from \$366,646.

Marian Durkin, senior vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer, earned \$274,999 in base pay, up from \$273,075 the year before.

His incentive pay rose over \$50,000 to \$169,373.

His total compensation package rose to \$791,090 from \$728,321 in 2008.

Karen Feltes, senior vice president and corporate secretary, earned a base salary of \$240,001, bumped up from \$238,077.

Her incentive pay rose more than \$45,000 to \$147,816.

Her total compensation package was \$759,007, up from \$696,159.

Dennis Vermillion, senior vice president and environmental compliance officer who assumed his position in 2009, earned a base salary of \$289,230.

His incentive pay was \$148,843, and his total comp package was \$733,929.

Avista, a mid-sized utility owned by shareholders, had a net income of \$87.1 million in 2009, Wuerst said, improving from \$73.6 million the year before.

The bulk of executives' pay does not come out of customer rates, Wuerst said, but from shareholder dollars.

Executives' compensation is determined by the company board of directors, she said. Stock and non-equity incentives are performance based, reflecting various financial goals that are achieved.

'It's a lot of money, regardless how you look at it,' Wuerst said of executive salaries and compensations. 'But these people are running a billion-dollar company.'

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Jean Jewell

From: p1932@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 8:07 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Patricia Cully follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01
Name: Patricia Cully
Address: W. 503 Vista Drive
City: Coeur d' Alene
State: Idaho
Zip: 83815
Daytime Telephone: 208-664-2864
Contact E-Mail: p1932@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:
To The Commissioners:

Re: Avista Rate Increase

It is time to call a halt to the exorbitant salaries CEOs of big companies receive. We subscribers to Avista for electricity and gas are stuck with a monopoly and have no choice but to pay whatever they want for service.

Five of their CEO people are presently receiving some \$5 million annually, plus huge incentives (one is over %500,000). We are paying about 35% of their wages.

The utility companies are guaranteed a net profit of 6% (at least it used to be that much) after paying 100% of any and all expenses, including, but not limited to, huge salaries, bonuses, etc. Also, for many years this company, when under the name Washington Water Power had a King-air plane hangared at Felts Field in Spokane, with an office rented in the administration building and a pilot and co-pilot on duty 40 hours a week, just in case someone wanted to go some place! All the costs for this totally unnecessary expense was included in their operating costs and they were then allowed the net 6% on top of this.

My husband and I owned a trucking company. We had an airplane, but we were NOT allowed to include those costs when applying for a rate increase. We could only include the actual costs of operating the trucks and nothing else. We were not guaranteed any net profit.

Why should Avista be granted an increase if they include costs, such as above as an operating expense. When they FIRED the CEO some time back for wasting their money on bad investments they gave him \$1 million in severance pay, then raised the rates because they 'lost' money.

It is time for them to stop ripping the customers off for non-essential expenses. Please deny this rate increase.

Thank you for your attention.

Patricia Cully

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Jean Jewell

From: none
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 8:22 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
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A Comment from Margaret Twigg follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01/AVU-G-10-01*
Name: Margaret Twigg
Address: 1633 W. Marigold
City: Hayden
State: Idaho
Zip: 83835
Daytime Telephone: 208-762-8094
Contact E-Mail: none
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:
To The Commissioners:

Please deny the proposed rate increase to Avista. At the present time we customers are paying at least a third of the CEO salaries, and 5 of them are receiving over \$3,000,000 annually, plus incentives and bonuses. How much is enough? I live on my Social Security and am having a very hard time of it and when I see the excessive amounts paid to a hand full of CEOs it really upsets me. When a few get more money than they need and those of us on limited income practically have to starve (and some do) there is something radically wrong in our world.

Please, deny this increase.

Thank you.

Margaret Twigg

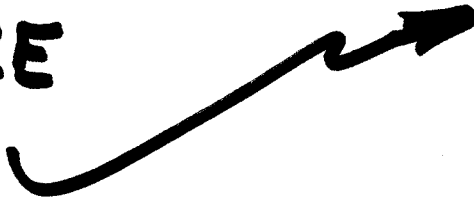
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Woman hit by truck in serious condition

BOISE (AP) — A 76-year-old woman hit by a pickup truck that crashed into her living room Tuesday is in serious condition in the intensive care unit at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Faye Dunlap was sitting in her Caldwell living room Tuesday evening when 23-year-old Nick Nettleton, driving on a suspended license, crashed his pickup truck through her wall. Nettleton's license was

suspended after he was convicted of driving under the influence in January. Idaho State Police trooper Blake Higley says alcohol wasn't involved in the Tuesday crash.

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Chance of showers
High 50, Low 28



Thursday
April 1, 2010

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Boise, Idaho

To whom it Concerns,

In this economy where people are struggling and barely getting by, I think that a 14.5% increase and the residential charge jumping a \$2.15 extra a month is way too high at this current time.

I understand of the recent upgrades to the system, but why not a gradual increase at least as a minimum.

I have lived at this current address for 10 months and I believe this is the 2nd increase in that time.

Please reconsider as these are hard times for the working man, trying their best to be on time with bills. This is no big deal for someone making a 6 figure salary, but for the rest of us its difficult.

Thank you for your time,

Ken Hewittson

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March 30, 2010

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Avista's rate increase request

Perhaps Avista is realistically entitled to a modest increase tied to the CPI, but 14.5% in Residential Service, and an average overall increase of 13.1% is usurious even in the best economic times. Perhaps they can tighten their belts and get by just fine without an increase in pay, just like the rest of us.

The "upgrading of aging infrastructure" is certainly an expense that they have built into their previous fee structure. They must be able to validate their claims that delivering electricity absolutely needs this rate increase and is not a product of "creative accounting".

Sincerely,



W.E. Chetwood
932 Stewart
Lewiston, Id. 83501

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515 Warner, #40
Lewiston, Idaho
83501

Mar. 25, 2010

Dear Public Utility Members.

I am asking you to not allow Avista any increases in our electric bills. I am 85 and on Social Security as so many are. And so many people do not have jobs - or jobs that pay enough for them to afford this. Avista can make savings on higher income people in their own company. How much are their CEO's making.

I'd appreciate your consideration.

I'm enclosing a bill for March 2010 and March 2003. Our bills have gone up over 20⁰⁰ in that time.

Sincerely,
Velva J. Marsh

